

A group of people, likely athletes and staff, are gathered on a basketball court, holding up a large American flag. The flag is the central focus, with its stars and stripes clearly visible. The background is slightly blurred, showing the blue and white colors of the court. The overall atmosphere is celebratory and patriotic.

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# USA Basketball Today

Based in Colorado Springs, Colo., USA Basketball is a non-profit organization and the national governing body for men's and women's basketball in the United States. As the recognized governing body for basketball in the United States by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), USA Basketball is responsible for the selection, training and fielding of USA teams that compete in FIBA sponsored international basketball competitions, as well as for some national competitions.

Actually, USA Basketball is an organization made up of associations. Current USA Basketball active members include the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU); Continental Basketball Association (CBA); National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC); National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA); National Basketball Association (NBA); National Basketball Association Development League; National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA); National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS); National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA); National Pro-Am City



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League Association (NPACLA); National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA); United States Armed Forces; USA Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF); Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA); and the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). These 15 member organizations have representation on USA Basketball's Board of Directors and various committees, and ultimately determine how USA Basketball operates.



USA Basketball was organized in 1974 and known as the Amateur Basketball Association of the United States of America (ABAUSA). The name change to USA Basketball occurred Oct. 12, 1989, shortly after FIBA modified its rules to allow professional basketball players to participate in international competitions. USA Basketball then admitted the NBA as an active member and made the change.

USA Basketball is governed by a 10-member Executive Committee and 25-member Board of Directors, who are appointed and elected by active members. Val Ackerman, founding President of the WNBA, serves as President of USA Basketball for the 2005-2008 term. Vice President is James Delany, Commissioner of the Big Ten Conference; Vice President for Senior Men is Stu Jackson, NBA Senior Vice President, Basketball Operations; Vice President for Senior Women is René Brown, WNBA Chief of Basketball Operations and Player Relations; Vice President For Men is Reggie Minton, 1993 USA World University Games head coach and Associate Executive Director of the NABC, and Vice President For Women is Chris Plonsky, University of Texas Women's Athletics Director and Director of Men's/Women's Athletics External Services. Robert Kanaby, Executive Director of the National Federation of State High School Associations and Terry Holland, current East Carolina University Athletics Director and former chair of 2000-2004 USA Basketball Men's Collegiate Committee, serve as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, while 1995 Pan American Games team member Scott Paddock and three-time Olympic gold medalist (1996, 2000, 2004) Dawn Staley, are the athlete representatives. Serving since January 2001 as USA Basketball's Executive Director is Jim Tooley, who has been with USA Basketball since 1993.



During the 2001-2004 quadrennium, over 925 men and women players and 125 coaches participated in USA Basketball, including the now annual USA Basketball men's and women's Youth Development Festivals, USA Basketball trials, and USA Basketball teams. Between 2001-2004 the USA competed in 22 major international events and won medals an astounding 19 times, including gold or top finishes 14 times, silver once and bronze medals four times.

The competitions in which USA teams regularly compete include the Olympics, World Championships, Pan American Games, World University Games, men's and women's U21 World Championships, men's and women's U19 World

**Top Left:** David Robinson is the only American men's basketball player to play in three Olympics. The center earned gold in 1992 and 1996, and collected the bronze medal at the 1988 Olympics.

**Bottom Left:** It all started with the 1992 USA Basketball "Dream Team" which first rolled through the Americas Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Portland with a 6-0 record, then later in July, the U.S. Olympic squad went 8-0 to claim the Olympic gold medal.

Championships, Hoop Summit and USA Basketball Youth Development Festivals.

USA Basketball also sanctions U.S. basketball team tours of foreign countries and foreign basketball team tours of the U.S., as well as oversees the certification of FIBA and USA Basketball officials and the assignment of those officials to international competitions, and the licensing of players to play professionally overseas.

A brief synopsis of the various competitions in which USA Basketball teams participate in includes:

### **Olympic Games**

Men's and women's Olympic basketball competition is held every four years (2008, 2012, etc.). The USA men have captured the gold in 12 of the 14 Olympics they have competed in and compiled an incredible 114-5 record. The USA women have earned the gold in five of the past six Olympics and overall boast of a sterling 42-3 record. Beijing, China, is the site of the 2008 Games.

### **FIBA World Championships**

Men's and women's competition is held every four years at the FIBA World Championships (2006, 2010, etc.). Unlike the Olympics at which 12 teams participate, 24 countries compete in the World Championship for Men and 16 teams participate in the World Championship for Women. In basketball circles, the World Championship title is considered as prestigious as the Olympic title. The USA women successfully defended the gold medal after finishing a perfect 9-0 in China in 2002, while the USA men finished sixth in 2002. The next World Championship competition is scheduled for 2006 in Saitama, Japan for the men, and in 2006 in Brazil for the women.

### **U21 FIBA World Championships**

Initiated in 1993 as the FIBA 22 And Under World Championship and originally designed for men 22-years-old or younger, FIBA lowered the age eligibility to 21 years of age or younger in December 1998 and the competition is now known as the FIBA U21 World Championship. The USA men captured gold in 2001 with a perfect 8-0 record and finished in fifth place in 2005 with a 7-1 mark. FIBA in 2003 initiated a women's U21 World Championship and the USA women claimed the gold, finishing 7-1 in Sibenik, Croatia. The next FIBA U21 World Championship for women is scheduled for 2007 and the men's will next be held in 2009. The selections of the players and coaches are made by the USA Basketball Collegiate Committees.

### **Pan American Games**

Started in 1951 for men and 1955 for women, the Pan American Games are held every four years (2007, 2011, etc.) in



*A three-time Olympic gold medalist, Dawn Staley had the honor of leading the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team into Opening Ceremonies in Athens.*

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the year preceding the Olympics. Only countries from FIBA America are eligible to compete. The USA men have compiled an impressive 81-11 overall record, winning eight of a possible 14 gold medals, while the USA women have won six of 12 gold medals and rolled up a 67-12 record. The 2007 Pan American Games is slated to take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

### **World University Games**

The World University Games are held for men and women every two years (2007, 2009, etc.), only current university student-athletes or recent graduates are eligible. In 2005 both the USA men's and women's teams went undefeated to capture gold. The 2007 World University Games are scheduled for Bangkok, Thailand. The selections of the players and coaches are made by the USA Basketball Collegiate Committees.

### **U19 World Championships / Junior National Teams**

USA Basketball also fields men's and women's national teams for players

19-years-old or younger. FIBA holds U19 World Championships every two years (2007 for men and women). The USA women in 2005 finished 8-0 to capture the gold medal. USA Basketball also fields teams featuring players 18-years-old or younger for FIBA Americas Zone qualifying tournaments. The selections of the players and coaches are made by the USA Basketball Collegiate Committees.

### **Hoop Summit**

The Hoop Summit is the country's premiere annual basketball game featuring America's top senior boy high school players taking on a World Select Team comprised of the world's top players 19-years-old or younger. Played each April, the USA currently holds a 6-2 lead in the series which was first played in 1995.

### **USA Basketball Youth Development Festivals**

Held annually each June for men since 1998 and since 2002 for women, USA Basketball's Youth Development Festival is an entry-level event that combines competition with off-court educational seminars. Featuring three USA teams comprised of top players who are high school juniors or sophomores from around the U.S., the Festival in 2005 for the first time featured international teams. Festival coaches are top high school and AAU coaches. The selections of the players and coaches are made by the USA Basketball Junior Development Committees.

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For the latest information about USA Basketball and its teams, visit USA Basketball's web site -- [www.usabasketball.com](http://www.usabasketball.com)